

TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1101.

OFFICIAL REPORT).

Thursday, *the 22nd April 1926.*
the 10th Medam 1101.

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty-four of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Construction of a Travellers' Bungalow at Vaikam.

294. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With reference to the reply given by the Dewan at the twenty-first session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that a Travellers' Bungalow at Vaikam is highly necessary and that the present camp-shed is certainly in a very bad condition, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps for constructing a Travellers' Bungalow?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has reported that the cost of constructing a new Travellers' Bungalow at Vaikam would be about Rs. 14,000 and that the needs of the travelling public could well be met by extending and improving the camp-shed there, at a cost of Rs 5,000. The Government have accepted the opinion of the Chief Engineer and have asked him to send up the estimate and provide for the work in the Budget for 1102.

Appointments under Municipal Councils.

295. MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. G. Narayana Pillai.]

(a) whether the periodical returns of appointments made and punishments inflicted by the Presidents of Municipalities are regularly submitted to the Government; and, if not, whether any action has been taken in the case of the Municipalities that have failed to submit such returns for more than a year; and

(b) whether any member of the backward communities has been appointed to any post in the Municipalities during the last two years; and, if so, where?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The Member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 741/S. of 21, dated the 29th September 1921, published on page 521 of Part I of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 4th October 1921, ordering the discontinuance of the returns.

(b) Yes, at Colachel, Padmanabhapuram, Nagercoil, Shencotta, Vaikam and Alleppey.

Ezhavas in the Education Department.

296. **MR. R. PADMANABHAN** (*Nominated*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state how they account for the low percentage of Ezhavas entertained in the Education Department of the State?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Ezhava graduates who applied for teachers' posts within the last two years and the number actually appointed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Qualified Ezhavas have begun to apply for places in the Education Department only comparatively recently and in filling up vacancies preference had to be given to persons with previous acting service, often extending over long periods.

(b) 17, including one woman; of these, three including the woman, have been appointed as teachers.

MR. R. PADMANABHAN (*Nominated*): Will the Member kindly explain the term "comparatively recently" contained in the answer to part (a) of the question and state definitely the dates of the earliest of such applications?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It relates to the past two years. I have not got the several applications nor their dates. So I am unable to give that information now.

MR. R. PADMANABHAN (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (b) of the question, may I know the dates of those appointments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information too is not available.

MR. R. PADMANABHAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether the appointments were made after the interpellation was received by the Government or before?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to compare the dates because, I don't know now when the interpellation itself was received.